

WHAT HAS BECOME OF DAWSON?

Man Who Was Going to Make the Desert Blossom.

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About six weeks ago Howard Dawson came out of the west with a large scheme and a small grip. Last Saturday he vanished with a scheme like a pleasant dream. The scheme is still here, likewise a number of people who contributed to Mr. Dawson's support on the strength of it.

His first business transaction was with Lloyd King, editor of the Western Knight. Mr. King had a small printing plant and a distinguished looking stranger about 50 years of age with a gray moustache came to his office and proposed to buy his office. He intended, he said, to start a town on the new Los Angeles short line. The desert was to be developed and the desert to blossom as the rose through his enterprise, but to facilitate the newspaper.

Mr. King welcomed the prospective buyer like a long lost brother. At the time of the interview the stranger had a bill of sale of the outfit and Mr. King was in possession of the bill. The bill was for \$200, payable in sixty days. The property was to remain in the custody of the original owner until the note was paid.

His Real Estate Scheme. Mr. Dawson's next move was to insert the following advertisement in the "Evening Tribune":

"LADY partner in real estate business; no experience needed; one that will guarantee to pay for the real estate security for \$1,000.00 required. C. W. Herndon."

Among the answers was a letter from a widow in a country town. In reply to her Mr. Dawson wrote that he had selected her among a great number of applicants because of her self-evident business ability. Then he unfolded his scheme. It was a plan to develop the desert with magnificent allusions to his printing plant and the magnificent offices he was about to open in Salt Lake.

The widow, who objects to the disclosure of her identity, came to see Mr. Dawson personally. She saw for herself the bill of sale of the printing plant, and when Dawson gave her a check for \$100,000, she hastened home to raise the \$250 necessary to make the desert blossom as the rose.

Negotiated Loans. In the meantime Dawson had run across W. S. Montgomery, the secretary of a fraternal order, with offices in the D. F. Walker block. Montgomery was a real man in Los Angeles he had become acquainted with Mr. Montgomery, and he made his friend's office his stationery. He also exhibited his bill of sale and thereby negotiated small loans from time to time.

Dawson had a room at 169 West South Temple. Among his fellow roommates was R. E. W. Wilson, a printer by trade. The rose blossoming story interested Mr. Stebbins, the bill of sale was a visible improvement upon him, and when Dawson proposed to make him foreman of the Desert Blossom he was completely confident. Dawson was all right, although he refused the job. To soften his refusal he loaned Dawson \$15.

But the lady in the country had not come in. In a very eloquent letter Dawson informed her that the bill of sale was coming in, and that her delay was placing the honor of the firm in jeopardy. The widow was in a quandary, she was a plain, which she forwarded, together with her personal notes for \$175. These reached Dawson on August 15.

Boomer Disappears. Mr. Montgomery last saw his real estate friend on Saturday morning. On Monday he became anxious for his fare, and wrote to the lady partner asking about him. The lady took the next train for Salt Lake and reported immediately to Dawson. Dawson was the elegantly appointed offices. She learned from the janitress that Dawson had engaged a room, but had never brought in a piece of furniture nor made a deposit. Then she hastened to confer with Mr. Montgomery. There was a comparison of notes and an immediate slump in the rose blossoming industry.

The scene and Dawson's stock dropped again. Mr. King was consulted and introduced Dawson's note and the printing plant. In evidence. The South Temple street landlady testified that Dawson had been ejected from her house because he wanted to pay room rent in prospective roses. Another landlady, on West Second South, was questioned, and her experience had been similar.

The deeds given by Dawson to his partner are for "two tracts of land" containing ten and eighteen acres in Orange county, California. One has two mortgages, the other has three. The abstracts were taken last November.

Mr. Montgomery is out only \$12, which he advanced a dollar at a time. He knows but little of Dawson. The latter, he says, was in the real estate business in Los Angeles several years ago, then went to Los Angeles, where he opened an office. His career in the city of the Angels was brief, and Mr. Montgomery next met him in Salt Lake.

The widow believes that she has been swindled. She has given up her cash, but hopes that Dawson may be apprehended before he has sold her notes to an innocent purchaser.

IN THE COURTS.

DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS.

Decree Granted in One Case and Another Suit Filed.

W. F. Mitchell yesterday instituted suit in the district court against his wife, Mary Mitchell, for a decree of divorce on the ground that two years ago, the defendant deserted and abandoned him. The parties to the suit were married at San Rafael, Cal., on May 17, 1899, and the suit was filed on May 22, 1901.

The plaintiff has made his home in this city. Judge Stewart yesterday granted a decree of divorce to Eliza J. Allen from her husband, George L. Allen, whom she married at Santa Fe, N. M., on March 22, 1899. The suit was filed on May 22, 1901.

The case was taken last Friday, and at that time it was deemed by the court that the proof of the defendant's having deserted his wife and left her without support was insufficient to grant the divorce. But yesterday Judge Stewart added additional testimony in support of the allegations in the complaint. The defendant was in default.

ESTATES IN PROBATE.

Death of J. P. Johnson Brings Out Peculiar Conditions.

Joseph S. Johnson, John Johnson, P. H. Johnson and Mary C. Phillips yesterday applied to the district court for the appointment of the first named as

administrator of the estate of their father, John Peter Johnson, who died at West Jordan on Aug. 25. Having besides the petitioners two other daughters, Emma Hansen and Annie Myers, and a grandchild, the heirs of the estate set up that the value of the property to be administered upon is \$1,000, consisting of small farm near West Jordan and a judgment claim in the sum of \$1,300 against Emma Hansen, the title to the farm and the claim having been recently adjudged in the old man's favor in his suit against his daughter. The petitioners alleged that her death through undue influence upon the father. The petition will be heard on Monday.

Louise Marier of St. Hyacinthe, Canada, yesterday applied to the district court for the appointment of T. P. O'Reilly of this city as administrator of the estate of Herman Teddon, who is alleged to have died without heirs at Ranch, Ida., on Dec. 8, 1902, leaving a third interest in the Wide West patented mining claim valued at \$500, and situated in West Mountain district. The petitioner alleges that the estate is indebted to him in the sum of \$125. Sept. 20 was set for the hearing.

Writ of Habeas Corpus for Prisoner. On application of Frank J. Gustin, attorney, Nels Nelson, Judge Stewart yesterday granted a writ of habeas corpus to the prisoner, Nels Nelson, who is unlawfully restrained of his liberty in the county jail. Nelson was arrested on July 31, when he was sentenced on a conviction of petty larceny to serve thirty days in the county jail. Nelson is in addition imprisoned at the rate of \$1 for each day the time remained in jail. Nelson was arrested on July 31, when he was sentenced on a conviction of petty larceny to serve thirty days in the county jail. Nelson is in addition imprisoned at the rate of \$1 for each day the time remained in jail.

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District Court Notes. Frederick W. Pitches and E. W. Wilson are suing Ruth A. McCoy in the district court to foreclose a mortgage on a part of lot 19, which now amounts to \$2,500 and interest.

In the case of Edward McCarrick company for a writ of mandamus to compel the directors of the company to issue stock to the plaintiff certain shares of stock. Judge Moore yesterday sustained defendant's demurrer to the plaintiff's petition to amend his petition or appeal to the supreme court if it is concluded to restrict the case.

The case of W. S. McCormick & Co. vs. M. Shaugnessy was yesterday set for trial before Judge Moore on stipulation of the litigants. Judge Stewart will hold court at Coalville Thursday to decide on the law and motion calendar and untested probate and divorce matters, and to make a setting of cases for trial during the October term.

Federal Cases Set. The motion and demurrer day of the federal court at Ogden Monday resulted in the setting of four cases for trial on Sept. 10. The cases are: William England, James Hunt and William Skein, plaintiffs, vs. Weaver, receiver of the Ogden waterworks, defendant in each case.

STATE FINANCES.

Treasurer Dixon's Report For Month of August.

Treasurer Dixon yesterday submitted to Auditor Tingey his report of the state's financial transactions for the month of August, showing as follows: Balance on hand Aug. 1, \$119,554.25; Revenues for the month, \$4,257.27.

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The Final Clearance of Men's Clothing. Remarkable offerings in suits, underwear, hats and half hose.

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH, Salt Lake City.

The University of Utah comprises thorough college courses leading to degrees in general science, liberal arts and mining and electrical engineering; besides which the state normal school, which is a part of the university, is conducted under the direction of the university faculty.

Students opportunities are offered to students who desire to pursue electrical and mining engineering courses and also courses in arts and general science.

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A small annual registration fee is required, but no tuition is charged. Fall term begins September 11th. For full information give full information concerning courses, etc. D. R. Allen, Secretary.

Fall Hat Opening. We place on sale Saturday, Aug. 31, our entire line of new shapes in Millinery. The assortment gives full information concerning courses, etc. D. R. Allen, Secretary.

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